# Welcome to Working with VA Medical Centers: A Closer Look







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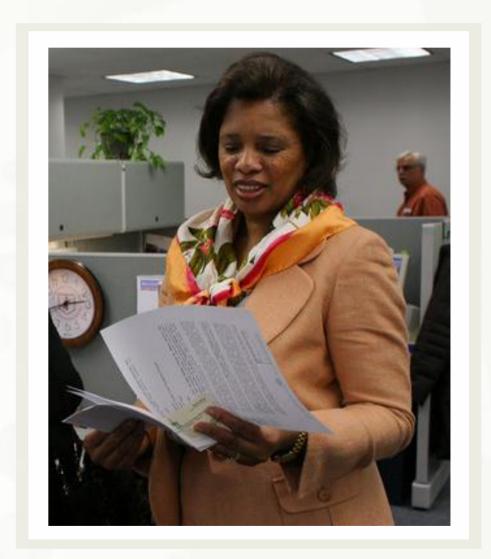
#### **Workshop Outcomes**

#### As a result of this session, you will be able to:

- Initiate contact with your local VA hospital or medical facility
- Articulate the nuts and bolts of placing volunteers at VAs
- Understand the importance of placing a representative on A VA Volunteer Service (VAVS) Committee
- Gain the knowledge and confidence to build and sustain a partnership with your local VA

### Agenda

- Welcome from CNCS
- Working with your local VA
  - CNCS overview
  - A closer look with our peer experts
- Serving as a VAVS Committee Representative
  - CNCS overview
  - A closer look with our peer experts



#### Presenter

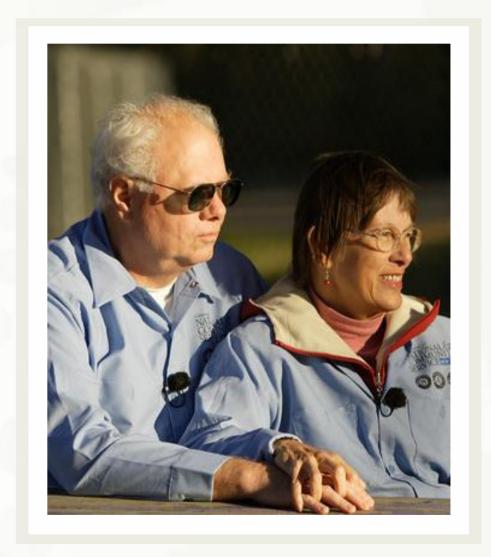
### Theresa Long, Oklahoma State Director, CNCS





### Working with Your Local VA

- Why this work is important
  - National Need
  - Serve America Act
  - Strategic Plan
  - Senior Corps Guidance and Priorities
  - Senior Corps Performance Measures
- What you can do
  - Place volunteers at your local VA
  - Serve on your local VAVS Advisory Committee





### A Closer Look at Working with VA Medical Centers

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### Peer Experts

Paula Wright, Director, RSVP Phoenix



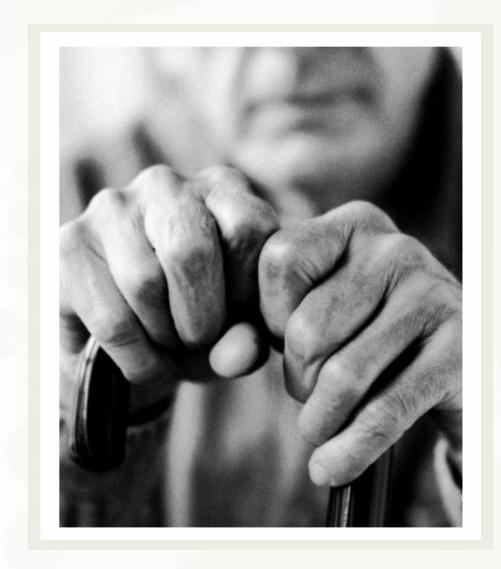
LaRue Johnson,
VAVS Representative &
Director, RSVP Amarillo





### Working with the VA

- Why did you decide to work with the VA?
- How did you get started?
- Tell us about a success you or your volunteers have had?
- What challenges have you or your volunteers had?
   How have you dealt with them?
- What do you know now that you wish you'd known when you started?



## A Closer Look at Serving as a VAVS Committee Representative



### Serving as a VAVS Rep

- How did you get started?
- How has it helped you and your volunteers?
- What advice would you give others?





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